Mr. John W. Fonfara, Co-Chair Ms. Vickie Orsini Nardello, Co-Chair Senator Kevin Witkos, Ranking Republican Representative Sean Williams, Ranking Republican Members of the Energy and Technology Committee

Dear Energy and Technology Co-Chairs, Ranking Members and Committee,

I am writing this letter to urge you to support Bill 5504, which restricts cell towers from being erected within 750 feet of schools. As I walk through the playground next to my local elementary school, I am faced with a litany of signs that are designed to protect the safety and purity of school grounds.

There is a sign which prohibits people from walking their dog on school grounds so that the soil is not tainted and children are safe. There is yet another sign that doesn't allow people to loiter on school property in order to keep our children safe. There is a sign reminding cars that they should slow down because a school is nearby and we want to keep our children safe.

These signs are their to protect our most precious resource, our children. I urge you to support bill 5504 and protect our children, by restricting cell towers within 750 feet of schools. Let's preserve the sanctity of a child's school and playground and not taint it with a huge, overbearing cell tower structure looming over their heads.

Sincerely, Christine Ragusa 82 Old Orchard Rd. Riverside, CT 06878